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FOREIGN AND INSULAR.

AUSTRALIA.

Plague at Sydney—Examination of rodents for plague infection.

The following information is taken from plague bulletins issued by the department of public health, New South Wales, and forwarded by Consul-General Bray, at Melbourne:

Sydney.—Week ended October 6, 1906, 1 plague case reported. Total cases reported since March 12, 1906, 19, of which 16 were bubonic and 3 pneumonic plague. During the week ended October 6 1,457 rodents were destroyed; 343 examined; found infected, 2.

Week ended October 13, 1906: Rodents destroyed, 1,757; examined, 457; found infected, 1.

BRAZIL.

Report from Rio de Janeiro—Inspection of vessels—Plague and small-pox—Mortality in Pernambuco and the Federal District of Rio de Janeiro.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Stewart reports, November 14, as follows:

Week ended November 10, 1906. Vessels inspected and received bills of health as follows: On the 5th instant the British steamship *Irisbrook*, for Baltimore, with water ballast, no cargo, no passengers, and with 6 new members of the crew taken on while in this port; on the same date the Portuguese bark *Seares Costa*, for New Orleans, in stone ballast, no cargo, no passengers, and with 2 new members of the crew taken on while in this port; on the 7th instant the British steamship *Tennyson*, for New York, with a cargo of coffee; on the same date the British Bark *Winnipeg*, for Pensacola, in stone ballast, no passengers, and with 5 new members of the crew taken on at this port; on the same date the British steamship *Drumlaurig*, for Baltimore, with no cargo, in water ballast, no passengers, and with 1 new member of the crew taken on while in this port, and on the 10th instant the British steamship *Milton*, for New Orleans, with a cargo of coffee, no passengers, and with no change in the personnel of the crew while in this port. No other vessels left this port during the week requiring inspection.